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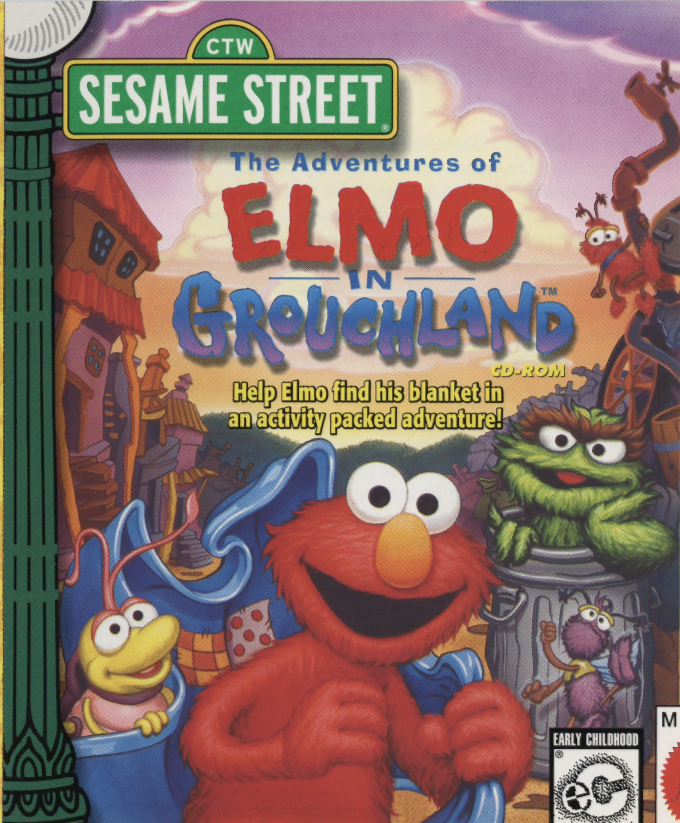
# SESAME STREET

The Adventures of

## ELMO IN GROUCHLAND™

CD-ROM

Help Elmo find his blanket in  
an activity packed adventure!



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## User Guide

CD-ROM  
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## Letter to Parents

Welcome! Children's Television Workshop has been entertaining children and expanding their horizons for more than thirty years. Sesame Street initiated the journey, providing an engaging and educationally stimulating television series for preschoolers. Over the years CTW has continued its mission to create quality educational programming in a variety of media. In the area of interactive technology, CTW has supported this tradition by using multi-media to encourage understanding and development. CD-ROMs allow children to participate actively in the learning process. Our goal is to present preschool concepts in a child-friendly atmosphere that motivates and encourages your children to expand their horizons. The activities presented in this CD-ROM are designed in multiple levels to challenge your child and promote individual growth. Helpful and empathetic feedback is offered as support and encourages children to play at their own pace.

In *The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland* CD-ROM your child travels with Elmo on a journey to recover one of his best friends, his blanket. Along the way, Elmo encounters some very interesting characters who help him realize the importance of perseverance, cooperation and understanding others. Join Elmo as he overcomes obstacles and learns a great deal about the meaning of friendship. There are also several interactive multi-leveled activities, designed to challenge your child and add to the story.

At Children's Television Workshop, we have always believed that learning should be a fun, positive, exciting adventure. The wondrous capabilities of interactive media inspire us to revisit and recapture the spirit that ignited our original vision so long ago. We hope you and your children enjoy our vision.

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## Getting Started

Check the system requirements below to make sure your computer system is compatible with *The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland* CD-ROM. If your system meets these requirements and you experience any difficulty installing or running our software, please review the ReadMe on your CD-ROM for the most current updates about this program. You may also refer to the Troubleshooting section at the end of this manual for solutions to common problems.

*Note: For best performance, we recommend that you set your computer to display 640x480 resolution and 256 colors before starting the program. Multi-tasking is not supported while running The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland CD-ROM.*

## Minimum System Requirements

- Multimedia PC Pentium® 100 MHz or equivalent
- Microsoft® Windows® 95 or Windows® 98
- 16MB of RAM
- 10MB free hard disk space
- 4x CD-ROM drive
- 256 Color Monitor, 640x480
- Windows® compatible sound card
- Standard keyboard and mouse





## Installing the Game

1. Insert *The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland* CD into your CD drive.
2. For systems with Autoplay, skip to step 4. For all other systems, from the **Start** Menu, choose **RUN...**
3. Type **d:\setup** in the Command Line box, then click **OK**. (If your CD drive is not 'd', substitute the correct drive letter.)
4. You are asked if you want to install. Select **YES** and follow the on-screen prompts.

## Starting the Program

1. Insert *The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland* CD into your CD drive.
  - On systems with Autoplay, click the **PLAY!** button to run the program.
  - On systems without Autoplay, go to the Start Menu > Programs > CTW > The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland, or click the Grouchland icon on the desktop.

*Note: The CD must be in your computer's CD drive at all times during installation and gameplay.*

*Note: To exit the program quickly, press the ALT and the F4 keys simultaneously.*



## Welcome to *The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland*

### Game Overview and Skill Table

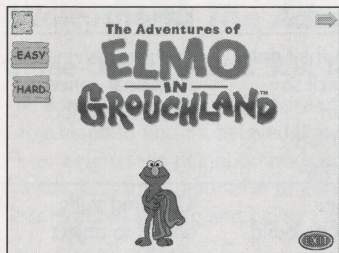
*The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland* CD-ROM takes Elmo on an adventure through Grouchland to find his beloved blanket. Together with Elmo, your child will explore the never before seen neighborhoods of Grouchland. They'll overcome obstacles, make friends, sing songs and solve problems. With your child's help, Elmo will learn valuable lessons about sharing and being a good friend.

Location	Activity	Description	Skills
Elmo's Room	Playing Draw, Hide-n-Seek with Elmo and Blanket (2 skill levels)	Blanket hides and Elmo helps you find him.	Visual discrimination, shape recognition, color recognition, part/whole relationship, observation, guessing from clues



Location	Activity	Description	Skills
<b>The Coal Mine</b>	Building Tracks (2 skill levels)	Rebuild the Coal Mine track so Elmo can continue on his journey	Problem solving, relational concepts, cause and effect
<b>The Dump Exit</b>	Making Music with the Stenchmen (2 skill levels)	Help the Stenchmen build their music machine	Listening skills, sound to object relationship, auditory discrimination
<b>Mt. Pickanose</b>	Climbing Mt. Pickanose (2 skill levels)	Lead Elmo up Mt. Pickanose	Problem solving, spatial relations, predicting, cause and effect
<b>Huxley's Castle</b>	Getting Elmo's Blanket Back (2 skill levels)	Repeat the secret code and rescue Elmo's Blanket	Pattern discrimination, remembering, sound identification





## Main Menu

*To begin the adventure, click on the arrow.*

*To go to the Index Page, click on the map icon.*

*To exit the game, click on the Exit sign.*

You begin and end your adventure at the Main Menu. Elmo and his Blanket act as hosts. Here you can select from four options: you can access the Index Page, select a skill level (Easy or Hard), exit the game, or begin the adventure.

**Index Page** Select this option to see a map of the adventure. From here, you can go to any scene in the game by clicking on its picture. You can also change the skill level or exit the game.

**Skill Level** To change the difficulty of each activity in the game, select **Easy** or **Hard**. You can change the skill level from the Index Page at any time during the adventure.



## Getting Around Grouchland Index Page

To exit the game, click on the Exit sign

To go to a specific scene, click on its picture.

To change the skill level, click on Easy or Hard.



## Within Each Scene

Each scene in *The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland* CD-ROM has the following navigational tools:



To go to the Index Page, click on the map icon.

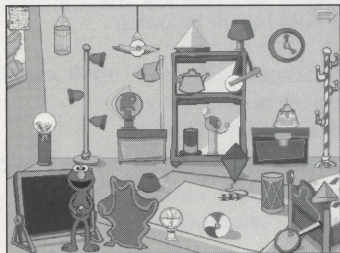


To go to the next scene in the story, click on the green arrow.



## General Gameplay Tips

- Use your mouse to move your cursor. The cursor looks like a star.
- For instructions or help, click on Elmo at anytime during game play.
- For animations, additional instructions, and surprises, move your star to anything that sparkles and click the mouse button.
- On Main Street in Grouchland, move your cursor to the edge of the screen and Elmo walks in that direction. There's more to this screen than meets the eye. Move your cursor to anything that sparkles and click the mouse button.



## Elmo's Adventure

Elmo's adventure begins in his very own room. He and his best friend Blanket want you to join them in a very special game of Draw, Hide-n-Seek. Blanket hides, while Elmo draws clues on his blackboard to help you in your search.





## To Play Hide-n-Seek with Blanket:

1. When you enter the room, Blanket hides and Elmo draws a clue on his blackboard.
2. Click on something in the room that looks like the clue Elmo drew. If Blanket is there, he will pop up.
3. Elmo keeps drawing clues to help you find Blanket. Once you've found Blanket, the game is over.
  - To play again, click on the blackboard.
  - To continue to the next scene, click on the green arrow.

## Skill Levels

- Easy** Elmo's drawing will be the same color and shape as the object Blanket is hiding behind in Elmo's room.
- Hard** Elmo draws outlines of the shape only, making it more challenging to find the right object.

## Sesame Street

Elmo and Blanket arrive on Sesame Street, and together you meet several familiar Sesame Street characters. Elmo's friend Zoe wants to play with Elmo and Blanket, but Elmo does not want to share.

- Click on all the Sesame Street friends and see what happens!





## Main Street, Grouchland

Grouchland is a big place, with so many things to see. Explore all of Grouchland very carefully to discover if Blanket is here.

- Click on the **Unwelcome Committee** to hear them sing "Welcome to Grouchland!"
- Scroll to the left and you will find the **Ugly Parlor**. Click on the three hair dryers to see Grouchland "Hair Don'ts".
- Scroll to the right to stroll down to the **Car Mess**. Click on the different signs to see what happens. When you've finished "messaging" this car, click the **GO** button. You can always bring in a new car to "decorate".
- Further to the right is the **Bad Humor Ice Cream Stand**. Flavors in Grouchland are a little different than on Sesame Street and feature such tasty treats as Sardine or Lemon-Pickle swirl.



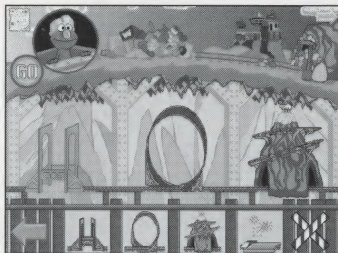
Concoct your very own ice cream cone by clicking on the different scoops and spoons.

- When you have finished exploring Grouchland, click on the green arrow. Keep your eye on the sky for a clue as to Blanket's whereabouts!



## Building Tracks in the Coal Mine

Elmo arrives in the Coal Mine, but Bug has broken the track. Help Elmo continue on his journey by rebuilding the track. In each level, there are eight different track pieces to choose from and you can send Elmo on a wild ride over and over again!



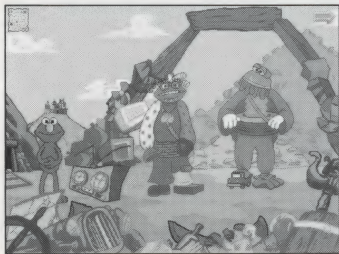
### To Rebuild the Track:

1. Click on any piece of track that runs along the bottom of the screen.
  - To scroll through all the available track pieces, click on the orange arrow.
2. Drag the track piece up to an empty space on the track. Click again and it snaps into place.
3. Continue clicking and dragging until you fill all three spaces in the track. You can move pieces around as much as you like.
4. When you've finished your track, click the **GO** button and watch Elmo take a wild ride.
  - To clear the tracks and start over, click on the **X** button.
  - To continue on your journey, click on the green arrow.

### Skill Levels:

- Easy** Select any 3 track pieces to rebuild the track.
- Hard** Place the pieces of the track so that they connect with each other correctly at the top and/or the bottom of the track to see Elmo ride the tracks successfully.





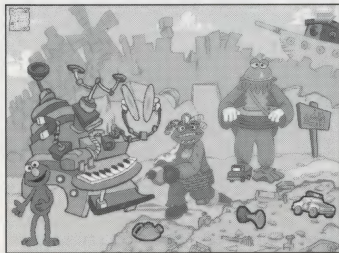
## The Dump Entrance

Can Elmo's blanket be in the dump? Look around carefully and listen to the song of the Stenchmen. Do they know where Elmo's blanket is? Will they help you find him?

- To hear the Stenchmen repeat their "Beautiful Garbage" song, click on the broken radio.
- To look for Blanket, click on anything that sparkles and is blue, like Blanket.

- To continue on your adventure, click on the green arrow. Maybe the Stenchmen can help you.

## The Dump Exit



### *Music Machine*

*Give the object to the Colander Head Stenchman*

### *Trash Heap*

If you and Elmo help the Stenchmen make beautiful noise, they will let you pass through their dump to Huxley's Castle, where they believe Blanket is being kept. You can help them create a music machine using pieces of junk found in the dump.



## To Make Music With the Stenchmen:

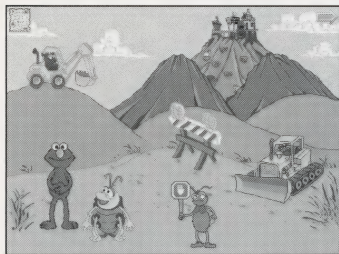
1. When the game begins, three new pieces of junk, or objects, appear on the trash heap. The Stenchmen ask you to find a certain object by describing the sound it makes. For example, if they're looking for a telephone, they'll say, "Find the thing that makes the sound 'brrring, brrring.'"
2. Click on the object from the trash heap that matches the description. Give it to the Stenchman that has his hands free.
3. Continue matching and collecting objects for the Stenchmen. When they have what they need, they will construct a wonderful instrument and play a song for you!
  - To hear the song again, click on the music machine.
  - To play the game again, click on the cloud of dust.

## Skill Levels

**Easy** The Stenchmen ask for three objects to complete their musical machine.

**Hard** The Stenchmen request six objects to complete their machine.

The Stenchmen love their masterpiece! You and Elmo are on your way again!



## The Road to Mt. Pickanose

Elmo follows the Stenchmen's directions, but runs into a detour. Can you trust Bug to give Elmo directions to Huxley's Castle?

- Move your cursor to anything that sparkles and click the mouse button.

*Clue: Keep your eyes peeled for a helicopter in the distance!*

## Climbing Mt. Pickanose

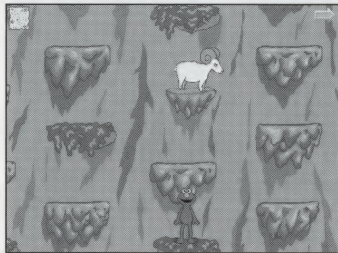
Elmo faces a very big challenge—he must rescue Blanket from Huxley's Castle. To accomplish this, Elmo must climb Mt. Pickanose to reach the castle, and he needs your help.





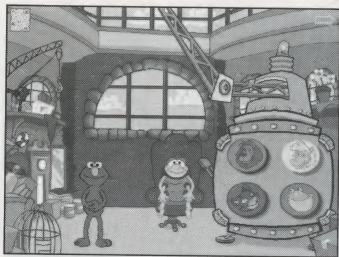
## To Help Elmo Climb Mt. Pickanose:

1. Move your cursor to any nearby rock-ledge; some may be occupied by mountain goats.
2. When you find an empty ledge, click on it. Elmo jumps to the ledge you select.
3. Keep clicking on empty ledges, guiding Elmo up the mountain. If you come to a dead-end, retrace Elmo's steps and try another route.
4. Once Elmo reaches the top, you can click on the slide to go down the mountain and try again, or you can click on Huxley's Castle to send Elmo inside.



## Skill Levels

- Easy** There are no dead-ends and more routes for Elmo to explore.
- Hard** There are some dead-end and fewer routes that lead to the top.



## Huxley's Castle

*Secret code machine*

At last! Elmo enters Huxley's castle with a heroic crash, only to find his blanket caught in a fiendish trap. Help Elmo and Bug free Blanket from Huxley's machine by repeating the secret code.

### To Get Elmo's Blanket Back:

1. Bug pulls the orange handle on the machine to trigger the secret code.
2. Watch and listen while the animal buttons pop up and make a sound in sequence. For example, the dog "barks", the sheep "baas", and the frog "croaks".
3. Wait until the sequence has finished, and then repeat the pattern by clicking on the buttons in the same order.
4. Continue this process until you free Blanket from the claw!

*Clue: Listen to Bug. He's your friend and will give you help.*

### Skill Levels

**Easy** The pattern does not exceed 3 beats.

**Hard** The pattern does not exceed 5 beats.



## Return to Sesame Street

Hurray! You and Elmo made it back home to Sesame Street, with Blanket safe and sound. All Elmo's friends are there to greet you.

- To hear the song "Together Forever" again, click on the radio.
- To return to the Index Page, click on the map icon.
- To return to the Main Menu, click on the green arrow.



## Troubleshooting for Windows® Operating Systems

If *The Adventures of Elmo in Grouchland* CD-ROM is not working properly, please review the ReadMe on your CD-ROM first and then try the general troubleshooting tips below. If you still have problems, check our Technical Support information in this manual for information on how to contact us.

*Note: This program requires that the disk be in the CD-ROM drive at all times when playing the game.*



## Troubleshooting for Windows® Operating Systems

- Problem:** Your computer is having trouble reading the CD-ROM.
- Symptoms:** You are experiencing sudden changes in performance, or error messages such as the following appear:
- "Cannot read from drive 'D:'"
  - "Error reading from CD-ROM"
  - "A serious CD error has occurred"

**Possible Cause:** The disc may be damaged or dirty.

**Solution:** Check your disc for fingerprints, scratches or smudges. To check your disc, hold it shiny-side up to a bright light. If the disc is dirty, clean it with a soft, cotton cloth. If necessary, use a damp cloth. If your disc is damaged or scratched, refer to our replacement policy found in the warranty section of this manual.

**Problem:** Difficulty installing the program.

**Possible Cause:** Other programs may be running while you are attempting to install this program.

**Solution:** First, make sure there are no other programs running. Press ALT + TAB to check for other programs. If there are other programs running, please quit them before proceeding with installation.





**Possible Cause:** Some problems may be specific to the setup screen used for installation.

**Solution:** Avoid that aspect of installation by using your computer's RUN command to install the product manually.

**Problem:** The video or display of one of the activities does not seem right, or you are receiving an error message concerning the display or video.

**Possible Cause:** Your computer has out-dated or corrupted video drivers.

**Solution:** Re-install the video drivers using the disks that came with your computer and/or video card. If you do not possess disks with the video drivers you require, contact your computer or video card manufacturer, as they are most qualified to help you update these drivers.

**Possible Cause:** Your monitor's color depth setting is not set to 256 colors, or your screen's resolution is not set to 640x480 pixels.

**Solution:** Adjust your monitor's display settings.

**Problem:** There is no sound, or there is distorted sound in any one of our programs.

**Probable Cause:** Your sound card's settings are improperly set.

**Solution:** It may help if you increase the size of your sound buffer. If that fails, you will need to contact your sound card manufacturer.



- Problem:** The program is randomly locking up or freezing during play.
- Possible Cause:** The drivers may need to be updated, or your disc may be dirty.
- Solution:** Try the following: 1.) Make sure your sound and video drivers are the most current versions available. A lock-up can occur when our program asks your computer to play a sound or display an image that it is not prepared to play or display. 2.) Make sure the disc is clean and free of scratches.

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- Product name
- Type of computer you own
- Memory amount and configuration
- Additional system information (like type and make of video card, sound card, monitor, modem, etc.)
- Windows® version number
- Description of your problem

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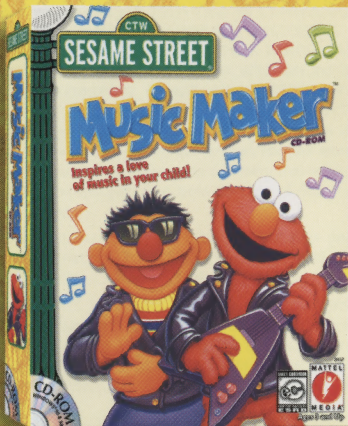




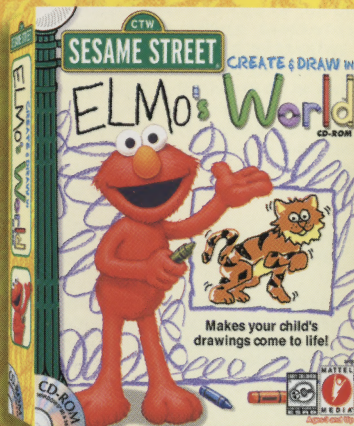


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